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And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's Mightiest Heroes found themselves united against a common threat! On that day, the Avengers were born, to fight the foes no single super hero could withstand!

THE NEW AVENGERS

The Avengers are on the run! Until they can be sure who's on their side, Spider-Man, Captain America, Luke Cage, Ronin, Mockingbird, Spider-Woman and Ms. Marvel are using Captain America's hideout in Brooklyn as a safe house. Collectively they try to keep the values of the Avengers name alive even though they're living on the wrong side of the law.

Norman Osborn is the new political and media darling and director of H.A.M.M.E.R., the national peacekeeping task force, which includes his own team of Avengers.

Now, as the Iron Patriot, Norman has made bold moves across the United States to remake the country's status quo into his image of justice and fairness--an image that does not include mutant, monster or vigilante.

The mighty Thor, god of thunder, has recently returned to Earth and brought the golden city of Asgard and all the gods who called it home with him. Asgard floats just feet above the fields of Broxton, Oklahoma.

With the coaxing of Thor's brother Loki, Norman aims his sights on Asgard. After manufacturing an incident that gave him an excuse to invade, Norman does, in full force, backed by his Dark Avengers, the corrupted criminal Initiative teams and conventional H.A.M.M.E.R. forces—and in front of the invited world media. His first act, ganging up on Thor on live television, only serves to enrage the heroes aligning against Norman, including the newly resurrected Captain America, Steve Rogers.

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YOU KNOW, I WAS JUST SAYING THE OTHER DAY, THE ONLY THING THAT WOULD MAKE YOU FAKE AVENGERS GUYS A LITTLE MORE CRAZY IS YOUR VERY OWN GOBLIN GLIDERS.
#$@$ YOU.
AAAWWW... THAT'S SO SWEET.
YOU'RE UNDER ARREST! YOU'RE ALL UNDER ARREST!
HOLD IT TOGETHER, AVENGERS. DON'T GET COCKY!
SMACK
CAN I BE FULL OF SELF-DOUBT AND LOATHING?
HAAGH!
STEVE!
DON'T WORRY YOUR WINGS, BUCK, I GOT THIS.
SMACK

RRAAGH!
HEY! GIVE THE MAN A MINUTE! GUY'S A LIVING LEGEND!
THANKS, CAGE.
AIN'T NOTHIN'--
KRAKOOM
BAM BAM BAM
OKAY, THAT WAS MY FAULT. THE GUY SAID DON'T GET COCKY, AND I WENT AND GOT COCKY.

YESTERDAY.
GEEYAAGH!
WHAT THE HELL IS SHE LAUGHING AT?
SHE'S HAPPY, JESSICA.
WELL, SHE DIDN'T GET THAT FROM ME.
HA!
LOOK AT THOSE EYES.
I KNOW.
HUGE.
THAT SHE GOT FROM YOU.
WE'RE STILL SURE SHE'S NOT A SKRULL RIGHT?
YES!
UM, YES.
IT'S THE HAPPINESS. IT'S THROWING ME OFF.
I WISH YOUR MOTHER COULD SEE THIS. RIGHT NOW.
IT WOULD SHUT HER UP WITH ALL HER JUDGING.
LISTEN...

WE CAN'T CALL THE WOMAN EVERY TIME WE NEED HELP AND NOT PAY THE PRICE.
AND THE PRICE IS SHE IS GOING TO @#$$% ALL OVER OUR RENEGADE SUPER HERO LIFESTYLE.
NOT FOR MUCH LONGER.
ARE WE SWITCHING SIDES?
NO. IT'S ALMOST OVER.
SO SAYS YOU.
STEVE ROGERS IS BACK. CAPTAIN AMERICA IS BACK.
AND--?
AND THIS IS HIS TEAM. US. WE ARE HIS AVENGERS. HE PUT US TOGETHER.
AND--?
AND IT'S TIME FOR NORMAN OSBORN TO, Y'KNOW, GO AWAY!
WOW. YOU ARE MISTER OPTIMIST.
YOU DON'T FEEL IT?
CAP'S BACK FROM THE DEAD FIVE MINUTES. YOU'RE READY FOR A REVOLUTION.
I WAS READY FOR A REVOLUTION THE DAY AFTER THAT CORNROW-WEARING OSBORN TOOK OFFICE.
THOSE ARE CORN-ROWS?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S GOT GOING ON UP THERE.
BUT NOW YOU THINK BECAUSE CAP IS BACK...?
I THINK NOW CAP IS BACK AND WE GOT A SHOT.
HE GETS TO COME BACK FROM THE DEAD.
AGAIN.
YOU AND I, WE DIE... THAT'S IT.
I'M REALLY HOPING TONY STARK OR REED RICHARDS FINDS AN OVER-THE-COUNTER CURE FOR THAT BEFORE WE DO.
SO YOU'RE GOING TO GO IN FIGHTING?
I HAVE TO.
I KNOW.
BUT *YOU* DON'T WANT TO.
I *DON'T* WANT TO.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO. NO ONE'S ASKING YOU TO.
IT WAS ONE THING WHEN *YOU* WERE IN TROUBLE.
I GET IT.
I KNOW I SOUND SELFISH.
NO.
YES.
I UNDERSTAND.
BUT...I DON'T GET IT...
ARE YOU GOING TO BE A SUPER HERO AGAIN OR NOT?

I THINK--MAYBE. I DON'T KNOW.
WHO WOULD KNOW? I'LL ASK THEM.
DON'T TEASE.
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
I DON'T LIKE THIS FIGHT.
I DON'T LIKE A FIGHT WHERE WE COULD END UP IN JAIL AND THEY TAKE AWAY OUR BABY FOREVER.
I DON'T KNOW. DOES THAT MAKE ME LAME?
I WANT TO FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT, BUT NOT JUST *ANY* DUMB FIGHT.
IT'S NOT A DUMB FIGHT.
I KNOW.
IT'S NOT.
NO. NO. IT'S A DAMN SERIOUS FIGHT. I GET THAT. MAYBE IT'S JUST TOO SERIOUS.
YOU AIN'T WRONG. AND Y'AIN'T SELFISH.
EVERYONE FIGHTS THE FIGHT THEY HAVE TO.
YOU'RE JUST SAYING THAT BECAUSE YOU KNOW ME. IF YOU WEREN'T MARRIED TO ME, YOU'D BE ALL: THAT SELFISH--
YOU'RE A MOM. DIFFERENT RULES.
YOU'RE A DAD.
OH.
OKAY. I GET IT. YOU DON'T WANT ME TO DO THIS EITHER.
NOT EVEN A *LITTLE*.
BUT--
BUT I'M NOT *YOUR* MOTHER. YOU DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO.
BUT YOU PROVE *MY* MOTHER WRONG.
YOU GET YOUR ASS BACK HERE.
I JUST-- JUST WANT *THIS*. ALL OF THIS. IN ONE PLACE. WE WORKED SO HARD...
SO DO I.
I KNOW.
BUT I WANT IT FOR REAL. I WANT OUT OF HOTEL ROOMS WE TRICK OUR WAY INTO.
I WANT A LIFE. I WANT TO BE AN AVENGER. FOR REAL.
I WANT TO TAKE THIS BABY FOR A DAMN *WALK IN THE DAMN PARK*.
THAT *WOULD* BE NICE.
ONLY ONE WAY TO DO THAT, THOUGH...

WE'VE BEEN THROUGH SO MUCH.
WHAT'S A LITTLE MORE?
YEAH, RIGHT.
SHE'S PASSED OUT.
I'M SO JEALOUS.
HEY, YOU DID PUT ON A COSTUME LAST WEEK, RIGHT? I'M NOT NUTS.
UGH!
YOU DID LET YOURSELF BE A SUPER HERO ONE MORE TIME.
SHUT UP.
YOU WERE DRUGGED.
AND IT LOOKED GOOD.
HOW'D IT FEEL?
IT FELT LIKE AN ADULT WOMAN PUTTING ON A HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADER UNIFORM.
WOULD YOU DO THAT TOO?
YOU ARE FEELING BETTER.

RRAAGH!
COME ON!
YIII!
BIG TALK. LOOK AT YOU. NOTHIN!

INCOMING!
SON OF A--
THANKS FOR THAT DRAMATIC INCOMING THING, RONIN.
THAT WAS A BIG HELP. I NEVER WOULD HAVE NOTICED THE PARADE OF POWERED-UP BAD GUYS TELEPORTING--
ZIP IT, WEBS!
AAGHH!
AGH!
BOBBI!

I GOT IT, BABY!

SMACK

GGAAAGH!

UH-OH.

ZZAAAFFT

SON OF A--

WATCH OUT, JESSICA!

CLANG

CAPTAIN AMERICA!

THANK YOU!

NO WORRIES.

YOU'RE *DEAD*, MOCKINGBIRD.

MUCH OBLIGED.

WHO'S NEXT?

OFF ME!

YEAH, YEAH.

HAA!

CRACK

YESTERDAY.
AAAIEEE!
JEEZ!
BOBBI!
ARE YOU OKAY?
WHAT HAPPENED?
NUGH!
NUGH!
JUST A DREAM, CLINT.
YOU'RE COVERED IN SWEAT.
I'M OKAY.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
OUT.
YOU WANT ME TO COME?
NO.

BOBBI!
WHY DO YOU NEVER LISTEN TO ME?
NEVER.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
NOT NEVER. I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND.
I JUST-- I NEED...
I NEED SOME AIR.
WHAT HAPPENED AT 4:43 IN THE MORNING THAT YOU GO RUNNING OUT OF THE--?
I JUST--
LET ME HELP.
HEY, GUYS! WHAT'S GOING--?
NOT NOW.
GOT IT.
SMASSSH
THERE.
THERE WHAT?
SOMETHING TO HIT.

THIS IS LADY OCTOPUS. I'M IN.
TELL ME WHICH OFFICE THE PAPERS ARE IN AND WE'RE IN BUS--WHAT? NO.
NO. IT'S ALMOST FIVE IN THE MORNING HERE. NO ONE IS--
SPOCK
AGH!
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?
SPOCK
RIGHT HERE.
SPOCK

AAGHH!
CRASH
THUMP
SMASH
OH, THIS IS ALL I NEED.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHICH COSTUMED IDIOT YOU ARE!
SMASH
SMASH
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, CHEAP KNOCK-OFF.

SMACK

CRACK

WHY DID YOU *DO* THAT?!

THE COPS ARE COMING. I THOUGHT YOU NEEDED A LITTLE--

I *HAD* IT.

I DIDN'T SAY YOU DIDN'T HAVE IT. THIS KIND OF THING, YOU SHUT IT DOWN.

DAMN IT.

NO.

ARE YOU *MAD* AT ME?

JUST-- JUST HAVING A ROUGH NIGHT. I'M SORRY.

WHAT *ARE* YOU MAD AT?

I'M JUST. I NEED TO... I NEED TO GET AHOLD OF MY LIFE.

WE BOTH DO.

YOU HAD A BAD DREAM.

I DREAMED WE WERE DEAD. BOTH OF US.

AND WE... AND WE DIDN'T KNOW IT.

THAT THIS WAS ALL... NONE OF IT WAS...

HEY...

DON'T HUG. I'M NOT A HUGGER.

WE BOTH GOT SECOND CHANCES. DON'T FEEL GUILTY.

I JUST DON'T KNOW WHY OR WHAT FOR.

WE'RE FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT. WE'RE FIGHTING OSBORN. CAP'S BACK.

WE'RE GONNA GET THROUGH THIS.

MAYBE.

ABSOLUTELY.

COME ON...

I'M BEING CRAZY TONIGHT.

COULD BE WORSE. YOU COULD BE A FEMALE DOCTOR OCTOPUS NO ONE'S EVER HEARD OF.

COPS ARE COMING.

I TOLD YOU.

HEY.

WHAT?

WHEN THIS OSBORN THING IS DONE, WE CAN GET OUT OF HERE. WE CAN GO FIGURE IT ALL OUT.

LIKE A VACATION?

A NEW START. WHATEVER WE WANT. WHATEVER.

A NEW START.

C'MON!
I WILL CUT YOUR--
IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO EVEN TRY FOR THE WITTY QUIP, JUST PUT A SOCK IN IT!
HA!
AAGGH!

KRAK
BOOM
AAGGH!
HEAD'S UP!
WHOA!
ODIN'S EYE!
BOOM
BOOM
WHAT THE HELL--
JUST HOLD STILL! JUST HOLD STILL.

OH MY GOD.
BOBBI?!
BOBBI!
BOBBI!
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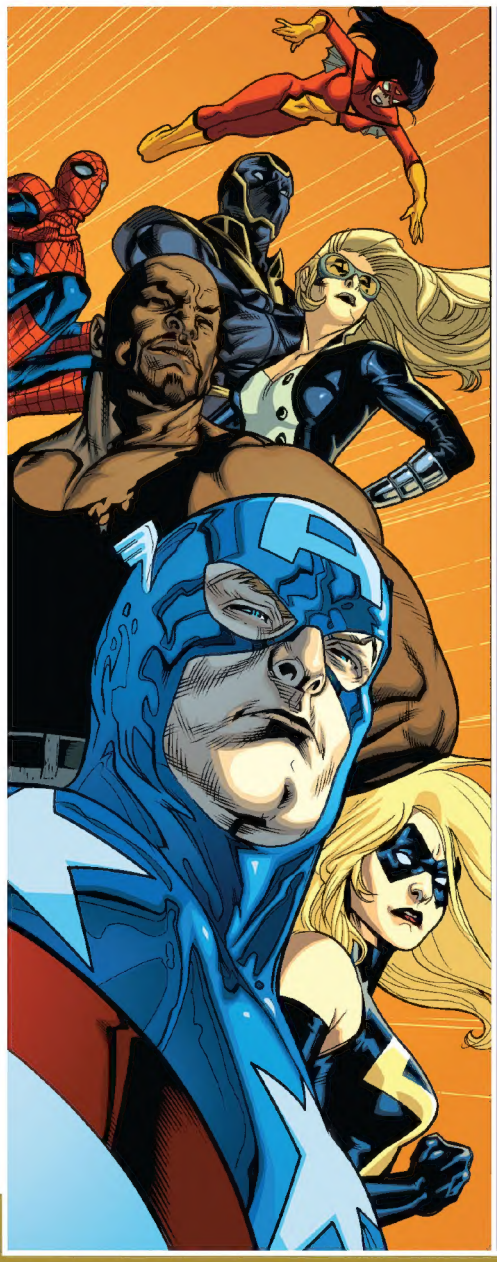

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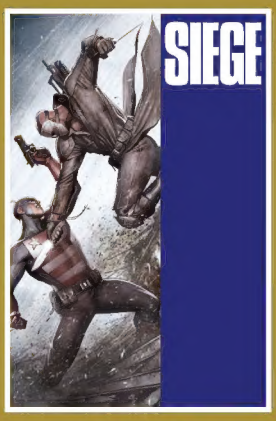

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